

seen the said.....drunk, or known of his having been drunk, nor of his having been guilty of, or arrested for any criminal or disorderly conduct or act, and that we believe him to be a man of truth and integrity, of sound mind, good understanding, and of temper and manner fit to a Policeman.

We, the undersigned, do further represent and agree, that if requested by your Honorable Board, we will at any time appear at the office of your Board, and make affidavit to the truth of the foregoing representations.

Grand Rapids, Mich.....190..

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N. B.—This petition is required to be signed by at least five citizens.

Requirements.

Comparatively few men can meet the requirements of the department. The physical examination is rigid and severe. Applicants must be at least five feet ten inches high; must have good health and a sound body with perfect hearing and vision. The age limit for entering the service is from twenty-one to thirty-five years. Many who pass the physical examination do not possess the mental temperament demanded by the department. A policeman must always keep his temper under absolute control. He must never become nervous or excited. While on duty he must be civil, courteous and dignified; even to friends and fellows he cannot be playful and facetious. In motion and manner he is the embodiment of law and order. A patrolman is supposed to be a walking encyclopedia of knowledge concerning all local matters, to answer all sorts of questions from all sorts of people on all sorts of topics, to assist the weak and the ignorant, the foolish and the vicious, to aid all needy persons, often without thanks or appreciation except the consciousness of duty well performed; at times to be the butt of ridicule and sarcasm without the privilege of talking back; and if occasion demands to give without a moment's hesitation blood and life for the civic good. Surely "A policeman's lot is not a happy one."

Each member must devote his whole time and entire attention